

**SWIMS Enhancement Task Force**  
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**Indianapolis**

**Present:** Jay Thomas, Pam Lowenthal, Pat Lunsford, Susan Woessner, Larry Herr, Bob Matlack, Suzanne Heath

**Background Information:**

- Due to other projects the Times Enhancements have been put on hold until both staff and Statera programmers are available.
- Purpose of this meeting is to look over the list of top projects up for development and reprioritize if necessary to take advantage of programming time.
- All of these projects will be staff managed (led by staff in conjunction with programmers).
- Testing will be done by volunteer group.
- Some of the projects have been estimated (preliminary), but further discovery may change initial estimations.

**Budgeted Funds:**

- Initial funding for 2007 was \$95,000. Larry explained that this number was to be amortized over a 4 year period, with \$25,000 the first year, \$30,000 for each of the next two years and \$10,000 for the last year. However, if we have a need for more funding in a specific year, it is possible to get the money.
- Funds not used can be carried over.
- The budget request for 2008 is \$50,000 which is not affected by our present status or situation.

**Schedule/Outlook for Development:**

- Larry, Susan, Tom Avischious, and Cathy Durance have met with John Burbidge to discuss whose projects will go first when programmers are available.
- Club Development, 4-5 weeks of work, will go first.
- It is estimated that mid to late fall Times Enhancements will be able to get Statera development time.
- We need Statera programmers for the LSC Records project (\$125 an hour).
- At this time staff is not sure when in-house (no cost) programmers will be available (likely to be early 2008).

**Projects:**

- **LSC Records**
  - Prioritized as #1. Project will require Statera development and has been initially projected to be 100 hours (\$12,000-13,000).
  - Task force agreed that this would be a bargain, even if it ends up costing more than projected, as the LSCs are very anxious to have the feature.
  - Task Force agreed with the premise outlined by Jay for initial discovery and development.

- Suzanne has provided Jay with a list of users who would be of assistance in the development and testing phase for Records. We will try to insure that all types of LSC Records issues are included in the testing phase.
- **Times Auto-Sweep**
  - Prioritized as #2. Project will be completed in-house and is estimated at 120 hours. USA-S staffer, George, will work on this project.
  - Task Force re-emphasized the need for a user selectivity button (turn it on or off).
  - Design could include a select button to use or actually be set to run at a certain interval.
- **SDIF Export**
  - Prioritized #3. This work will be done by Statera.
  - Initial development would be for whole meet export from SWIMS.
  - The Task Force feels this enhancement is very important to LSCs who want insured validity of meet results for meets held out of LSC.
  - Options for further use are unlimited:
    - Club portals
    - Manual entry added to meet in system; export complete meet.
    - Export of observed meets (uploaded times into SWIMS) export back to club teams.

**Remaining Prioritized Projects – to be developed as time permits:**

- **Times Recon Phase 2**
- **Timing System ID**
- **Upload Enhancements**

**OME Modifications:**

- While OME is a separate issue and has been funded outside of Times Enhancement budgeted funds in the past, the Task Force discussed the issues surrounding the system.
  - 2005-06 – 15 meets used OME
  - 2006-07 – 30 meets used OME
  - Goal is 150 meets a year (sc and lc LSC JOs, Sr Champs, sectionals, nationals, grand prixes).
  - John Burbidge is aware of the problems (bugs, issues) within OME that need to be fixed for maximum ease of utilization.
  - Larry will meet with Mike Unger to discuss how to approach funding for OME enhancements, but nothing should be brought forward until the January Board of Directors meeting (which means that short course meets will use OME as it is right now). Larry stressed the need for planning before presenting a request for funding. We need to get it right and not be hasty in our request.

The Task Force will report to the T & R Committee at convention and will send an update to the group and to the Times Officers prior to that.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Heath  
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